

APPENDIX A

(i) Applicant: Challow & Childrey Cricket Club

Years in existence: 61 years

Type of organisation: Sports and Social Club

Project, service or event details: Challow & Childrey Cricket Club is seeking a grant towards refurbishing and upgrading the club's synthetic match pitch as part of its ongoing development plan. The synthetic pitch is almost 15 years old and showing obvious signs of wear such as holes and tears. The aim is to replace the synthetic carpet and resurface the base underneath, bringing it up to a modern, high-class standard. With regular maintenance the pitch should have a lifetime of 15-20 years. A synthetic pitch can be used much more heavily than a grass pitch with minimal preparation, and even in normally adverse weather conditions.

The new facility will provide a better and safer environment to play and practise. The renovations reflect the ambition of the club, which has recently been awarded Sport England's Club Mark accreditation indicating a vibrant and healthy cricket club infrastructure. An endorsement has been received from the Vale's Sports Development Officer emphasising that Challow & Childrey Cricket Club has been an active club in the Vale Development Group (endorsed by the Group Chairman) and is used by King Alfred's School for all its home cricket matches. The club has also provided its facilities without charge for the district council's Easter and summer holiday cricket courses.

The club has seen a significant increase in its youth membership over the last few years with a very well-established junior section comprising teams ranging from U9s – U17s. This is in addition to the three Saturday sides and one Sunday side at senior level. High quality practise and match facilities will help support the cricketing development of these members, as well as the development of the club as a whole. This will in turn encourage participation and overall enjoyment of the game as players relish using good facilities. Challow and Childrey Cricket Club also foresees that improved facilities will cement its position as an Oxfordshire Cricket Board Focus Club.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town & Village Vitality.

Area of the Vale covered: The majority of members are from the South-East area of the Vale, including approximately 90% of the youth members.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 194 (cricket members) not including numbers from other organisations.

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: None

Total estimated project cost: £5,000 excl VAT, £5,875 incl VAT (Vat can be reclaimed)

Balances: £2,795.61 (as at March 2007)

Own Contribution: The club intends to use funds from established fundraising events to make up the balance required.

Grant Sought: £1,500

Previous Awards (Vale): £500 in 2006 towards a mobile batting cage.
£5,000 in 2002-2003 towards the building of an extension to the changing facilities at the Clubhouse.

Parish Council Support: Applications have been submitted to Childrey, East and West Challow Parish Councils and to date £250 has been awarded.

Parish Precept: £21,000; (Band 'D' £52.65)

Other Support: An application to the Lord's Taverners charitable organisation (closely affiliated with the England and Wales Cricket Board) was unsuccessful as they had already distributed their entire budget for 2008. Therefore a larger application to Awards for All, part of which covers a contribution to this current project, has been submitted.

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£1,500
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town & Village Vitality.
Remaining budget	£16,748
Remaining Committee meetings	2
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£3,500
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	The Club not only seeks to provide excellent facilities for its members but also makes them available to the wider community. The refurbishment of the synthetic pitch is essential to enable the Club to continue its current activities and to develop further.

(ii) Applicant: Blewbury Pre-School Playgroup

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Years in existence: 37 years

Type of organisation: Registered Charity

Project, service or event details: Blewbury Pre-School Playgroup is seeking a grant towards replacing the oil-filled boiler which currently provides heating for the pre-school. This boiler is over 20 years old. Following a recent service the heating engineer strongly recommended that it be replaced by a more energy-efficient boiler before this winter. The current storage of oil is not in line with the new regulations which came into force in 2005.

The new boiler, which will be sited in the cloakroom, will provide heating and hot water for the playgroup. The new heating system should be effective for many years and the running costs will be met from the playgroup's annual budget.

The pre-school leases the premises from the Malthus Trust on a 10 year renewable lease for a modest rent. The lease has been renewed every ten years since 1971. The Trust has given permission for the work to be carried out and has contributed £100 towards the work.

The Pre-school is a member of the Pre-school Learning Alliance and seeks to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town & Village Vitality.

Area of the Vale covered: Blewbury, Upton, Chilton, Milton, Didcot, Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, East Hagbourne

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: at least 121

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: None

Total estimated project cost: £6,000 excl VAT, £7,050 incl VAT (Vat can not be claimed)

Balances: £17,442.26 (as at 31 August 2007) £10,000 of which is a recommended Charity Commission reserve.

Own Contribution: £1,000; in addition a table top sale and fancy dress week raised £145; a wine tasting evening is planned for June to raise further funds.

Grant Sought: £3,000

Previous Awards (Vale): None

Parish Council Support: £200

Parish Precept: £21,000; (Band 'D' £30.47)

Other Support: Malthus trust £100, Blewbury Players £500, St Michael's Church £500. Applying to South Oxfordshire District Council and to Oxfordshire County Council.

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£3,000
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town & Village Vitality.
Remaining budget	£16,748
Remaining Committee meetings	2
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£2,000
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	The replacement of the boiler has been recommended before winter. The work therefore needs to be carried out during the summer holidays. The new boiler will reduce energy consumption and meet the needs of the Pre-school for a reliable means of providing heating and hot water.

(iii) Applicant: Wantage Music Festival

Years in existence: 32 years

Type of organisation: Charity

Project, service or event details: Wantage Music Festival is seeking a grant towards organising a festival on 16th-20th July 2008. The festival offers an opportunity for amateur musicians and singers of all ages to perform in front of a high quality experienced adjudicator, who gives verbal and written feedback on their performance. An experienced accompanist is available at no extra charge, giving an excellent opportunity for those who cannot afford the fees of a professional accompanist. The festival gives particular opportunities for young musicians, with age group classes for all ages from under 8 - 18 years (also 25 and under for some vocal classes). There are also open classes for

adult amateur performers. Older people may, and do, enter any open class, but the vocal classes also include a specific solo class for over 55s.

There is also a non-competitive class open to any individual or group of any age (or mixed ages) who would like to perform, and also an entertainment class where entrants are judged on the ability to entertain the audience rather than just on technical skill. Entrants for these classes sometimes include family groups.

Although the festival is competitive the emphasis is on education and encouraging a love of music. Certificates are awarded to all participants.

The entrants are not the only people to benefit from the festival – all competition sessions are open to the public who are able to enjoy the musical performances and also to learn from the adjudicator's comments. The festival culminates with a concert of selected prize-winners enabling the public to hear high quality performances by talented local young and adult amateur musicians.

The committee feel that many of the young musicians mature in their music-making over several years at this festival, and even go on to study music, returning as local music teachers entering their pupils in the festival.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town & Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning.

Area of the Vale covered: The festival is located in Wantage. In addition to residents in the Wantage area it also attracts participants from throughout the Vale.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: There were 324 performers in 2007 in addition to the people who benefited as audience members in class sessions and in the final concert.

This year 223 individual and group entries have been received, of which 70% are from under 18's. This includes 12 entries from age 9 and under, 91 from ages 10-15 and 53 entries from ages 16-18. The remaining 67 entries are in the adult and open (any age) classes – these include several over 60s.

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Charges are between £3 and £9 for individual performers. Group charges are from £5 to £10 per group or £2.50 per performer.

Total estimated project cost: £2,983 excl VAT, £3,032 (incl. VAT) VAT cannot be reclaimed.

Balances: £1,190.86 (2007)

Own Contribution: Committee members, some of whom are professionally qualified, contribute large amounts of their time and expertise to organise the Festival. The Festival estimates its income from entry charges and sale of programmes to be £1,819 with an additional £24 profit from refreshments,

£155 from advertisements in the programme and syllabus and a further £315 from fundraising.

Grant Sought: £500

Previous Awards (Vale): £500 awarded in 2004/05.

Parish Council Support: Application to Wantage Town Council is being considered as a donation so the Town Council will decide on an appropriate amount.

Parish Precept: £121,000; (Band 'D' £31.30)

Other Support: Waitrose has been approached for a donation – last year they donated £300 but a change of manager means this is unlikely to be repeated this year. Sainsbury's has also been approached for sponsorship. Other sources of funding are being explored.

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£500
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town & Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning.
Remaining budget	£16,748
Remaining Committee meetings	2
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£4,500
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	The Festival encourages a love of music in people of all ages as well as the development and perfection of musical skills.